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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIS Recipients

FROM   : National Intelligence Survey Committee

SUBJECT   : NIS User Questionnaire

1. National Intelligence Survey Program emphasis since 1963 has been on the production of the single-volume *General Survey* on all areas of national security interest. Revised periodically, the *General Survey* is supported by detailed topical units produced on a highly selective basis; it is complemented by the semiannual NIS *Basic Intelligence Factbook*, which provides interim updating of basic data for all NIS Areas.

2. The attached questionnaire is an integral part of an overall effort to assess the validity of the current NIS structure and emphasis, to ascertain the utility of the Program, and to determine how it might better serve user needs. Because the data compiled from the questionnaire will be critical to future NIS planning, please respond fully and precisely to all questions that apply to you. The completed questionnaire should be returned as soon as possible but not later than 1 March 1969 using the envelope provided.

                                        JAMES A. BRAMMELL
                                            Chairman
                                          NIS Committee

(When Filled In)

Date _____

1. Agency _____

   Component/location _____

   Purpose or principal activity (military planning, foreign aid, briefing, research,

   etc.) _____

   Your position (job title) _____

   Your fields of responsibility (geographic area and/or specialty) _____

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2. Is the NIS Production Status Report available for your use?   ___ Yes   ___ No

   Do you regularly use it?   ___ Yes   ___ No

3. Receipt of NIS units is:

   ___ Regular and   ___ Irregular, with   ___ Sporadic and
       systematic   some gaps   uncertain

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4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

    a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

        A=Regularly   B=Occasionally   C=Rarely   D=Never

    b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

        1=Planning and operations   4=General background and orientation
        2=Research, analysis, and production   5=Other (specify) _____
        3=Briefings

Col. I	Col. II		Col. I	Col. II	
—	— — — —	General Survey (check sections used most frequently) __ Chronology __ Introduction __ Geography __ Transp. and Telecom. __ Sociological __ Political __ Economic __ Scientific __ Armed Forces __ Area Brief __ Summary Map	—	— — — —	Telecommunications
			—	— — — —	Population
			—	— — — —	Characteristics of the People
			—	— — — —	Religion, Education, and Public Information
—	— — — —	Basic Intelligence Factbook	—	— — — —	Manpower
—	— — — —	Coasts and Landing Beaches	—	— — — —	Health and Sanitation
—	— — — —	Weather and Climate	—	— — — —	Intelligence and Security
—	— — — —	Meteorological Organization and Facilities	—	— — — —	Subversion and Insurgency
—	— — — —	Topography	—	— — — —	Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry
—	— — — —	Urban Areas	—	— — — —	Fuels
—	— — — —	Railroads	—	— — — —	Electric Power
—	— — — —	Highways	—	— — — —	Minerals and Metals
—	— — — —	Inland Waterways	—	— — — —	Manufacturing and Construction
—	— — — —	Ports and Naval Facilities	—	— — — —	Trade and Finance
—	— — — —	Merchant Marine	—	— — — —	Armed Forces
—	— — — —	Civil Air	—	— — — —	Marine Climate
			—	— — — —	Oceanography

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5. In general, do you consider yourself:

— a. Regular user of NIS publications

— b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness: (If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

— Principal source of information

— Secondary source

— Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available

— Supplies corroborative information

— Other (specify) _____

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for only infrequent use:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

— Not readily available

— Not sufficiently current

— Too summarized and generalized

— Too detailed

— Only marginally related to my needs

— Needs filled by other publications (specify) _____

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— NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) _____

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— Other (specify) _____

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency planning?

— Yes   — No   Why? _____

If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

— Excellent   — Good   — Adequate   — Marginal

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9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major short-comings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.) _____

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(answer may be continued on the reverse)

10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units? _____

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(answer may be continued on the reverse)

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Signature (optional)